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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was mostly steady in all areas. Retail and food service demand was slow to moderate with best movement for active ads and fast food promotions. Supplies of all sizes were at least sufficient to satisfy trade needs. Floor stocks were balanced to long with purchasing usually limited to immediate needs. In the parts structure, demand was mostly fair to no better than moderate for midweek trading. Wings were in good balance to well cleared, and all other parts were adequate to close balanced and moving satisfactorily. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to light, but mostly desirable.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading advanced .25 cents to 76.75 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 68.00 cents last year on March 22, 2006.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	202.50
BREASTS - B/S	160.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	102.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	110.00
LEG QUARTERS	42.00
WINGS	135.00

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

SOUTHERN REGION Trade sentiment was generally steady. Retail demand was mostly slow to fair with light feature activity. Food service was fair to moderate, best for fast food promotions. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was fair to moderate. Wings remained in the best position with supplies well balanced to tight. Breast items were adequate to instances well cleared, and dark meat was sufficient. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST REGION Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light to mostly fair for midweek trading. Offerings of all sizes were at least sufficient for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was light to fair. The market tone was generally steady. In the parts complex, breast items, tenders and most dark meat cuts were adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Wings were in good balance to well cleared.

MIDWEST REGION The whole broiler/fryer trade sentiment remains steady. Additional offerings of whole fryers were light for the limited and selective trade interest. Retail and distributive demand was slow to moderate with best movement into promotions and fast food channels. Floor stocks were generally balanced to instances long with buyers continuing to purchase for immediate needs only. Weights were mostly desirable to instances light. Supplies of most parts were adequate to in close balance with wings slightly more available. The market tone was generally steady on all part items.

WESTERN REGION The market tone was overall steady. Offerings were at least adequate for immediate needs. Retailer demand was light to moderate, best where featured. Floor stocks were adequate. Trade sentiment was generally steady on parts with some white meat items in the best position.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 215 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 17, 2007. This was up 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED DOWN 2 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 174 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 17, 2007. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2006 through March 17, 2007 were 1.90 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED TOTAL 19 SELECTED STATES

	PERCENT CHANGE	
WEEK ENDING 03/17/07	2007	2006
EGGS SET	214,968	213,555
CHICKS PLACED	173,745	177,396

Source: NASS, USDA

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 28-Apr-07 is estimated at 160.4 million head. This compares to 160.3 million head the previous week and to 166.2 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 169.2 million head and the composite weighted average price was 58.77 cents per pound.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

MARCH 20, 2007

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

POUNDS					POUNDS				
ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	627	142.00-220.00	-	151.12	BREAST - B/S	587	145.00-220.00	-	154.77
TENDERLOINS	228	170.00-239.00	175-180	188.78	TENDERLOINS	340	172.00-235.00	-	182.71
BREAST - LINE RUN	150	99.00-105.00	-	102.10	BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	196	55.00-63.00	56-57	56.05	LEGS	182	55.00-61.00	56-57	56.13
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	574	37.00-42.00	39-40	39.50	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	599	37.00-42.00	39-40	39.40
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	894	39.00-44.00	41-42	41.18	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	669	38.00-44.00	41-42	41.14
WINGS (WHOLE)	295	110.00-135.00	122-126	124.58	WINGS (WHOLE)	295	111.00-134.00	123-127	124.49
WINGS (CUT)	125	131.00-151.00	-	139.40	WINGS (CUT)	315	131.00-151.00	132-136	135.44
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR — F.O.B. DOCK.									
RANGE		TODAY'S AVERAGE			RANGE		TODAY'S AVERAGE		
65.00 - 70.50		68.43			66.00 - 70.00		68.04		
							5-DAY AVERAGE		
							67.79		

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying interest was fair to no better than moderate for midweek trading. Offerings of breast items, tenders and most dark meat cuts were generally sufficient for current needs. Wings were no more than adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light to fair. The market tone was at least steady for wings; generally steady on the balance of items.

*ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

MARCH 21, 2007				MARCH 20, 2007			
ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	160-165	154.13	665,891	BREAST - B/S	160-165	151.45	661,021
TENDERLOINS	180	174.44	152,350	TENDERLOINS	180	177.20	92,920
BREAST - WITH RIBS	99-100	109.18	75,780	BREAST - WITH RIBS	99-100	110.06	44,560
BREAST - LINE RUN	99	101.50	72,000	BREAST - LINE RUN	99	100.93	82,800
LEGS	56-57	56.87	181,160	LEGS	56-57	56.33	337,240
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	41-42	42.49	186,880	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	41-42	40.51	168,880
DRUMSTICKS	47-48	52.59	93,840	DRUMSTICKS	47-48	52.15	55,120
THIGHS	51-52	59.72	43,800	THIGHS	51-52	55.72	68,200
B/S THIGHS	110-111	106.78	104,800	B/S THIGHS	110-111	109.98	80,800
WINGS (WHOLE)	130-131	128.78	162,000	WINGS (WHOLE)	130-131	129.19	120,520
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.14	14,400	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	10.74	23,480
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	38.74	13,480	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	39.87	6,120
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	49.75	25,400	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	48.64	24,520

***** INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)								AVG	SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY	
ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL		WTS	DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)			
03/21	03/20	03/19	03/16	03/19	03/16	03/14	03/12		FRESH FRYERS	92-101
Alabama	3,515	3,647	3,864	3,203	5.52	5.53	3,422	5.48	ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-108
Arkansas	5,286	5,290	5,208	4,323	5.33	5.05	5,086	5.23	HENS UNDER 5#	-
Delmarva	2,219	2,019	1,966	2,139	5.89	5.71	2,221	5.74	HENS OVER 5#	65-74
KY-LA-TN	2,213	2,324	2,316	2,165	5.27	4.91	2,030	5.17	DUCKS	-
Mississippi	2,966	2,884	3,014	3,267	5.53	5.34	2,965	5.72	RABBITS-WHOLE	-
N Carolina	2,596	2,699	2,510	2,760	6.84	6.73	2,506	6.95	RABBITS-CUT UP	-
Texas	2,453	2,451	2,424	2,134	5.25	4.92	2,457	5.18	SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY	
Total	21,248	21,314	21,302	19,991	5.61	5.45	20,687	5.58	DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS	
Mon-Wed	64,177(A)						63,527(A)		FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK 93-105
										DRY PACK 110-119
									ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 98
										DRY PACK 111-118
									HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 86-100
										DRY PACK 100-107
									DUCKS	185-195

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 21-Mar-07 is estimated to be 31,789,000 head up 2.40 percent from a week ago and up 0.18 percent from a year ago. (Last week 31,043,000, last year 31,733,000)

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 24-Mar-07

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	03/24/07 (1)	03/17/07
CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
Broiler/fryer	158,617 (2)	161,977
Light hens	1,336	1,315
Heavy hens	1,369	1,257
Total	161,322	164,549

(1) ESTIMATED (2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 24-Mar-07 is 161.3 million head compared to 164.1 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 158.9 million head or 2.4 million less than estimated available. For the week of 31-Mar-07 the estimated available is 161.1 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 03/19/07	72,837	51,122
AM 03/01/07	69,187	54,570
CHG	3,650	-3,448
PCT CHG	5	-6

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	03/19/07	03/12/07	03/20/06	03/19/07	03/12/07	03/20/06
PACIFIC						
COAST	2,202	2,210	1,990	6,543	7,124	7,123
LOS						
ANGELES	112	140	71	1,748	2,007	3,438

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF MARCH 19, 2007

		RANGE
HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	69-76
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	70-88

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES**FOR 03/20/07**

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW HIGH AVG			LOW HIGH AVG		
HEAVY FOWL lb.	-	1.00	-	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	1.00	1.50	1.16	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	.90
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	8.25
ROOSTERS lb.	-	1.40	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-
RABBITS lb.	2.10	4.25	3.68	RABBITS ea.	-	7.50
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	3.25	8.25
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-			
TOTAL COOPS	22					

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending March 16, 2007

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs W/Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	58.23	150.66	73.29	12.22	8.14	59.04
High	63.52	158.80	81.44	16.29	12.22	59.04
Mostly	63.52	154.73	77.37	16.29	8.14	59.04
SAN JUAN						
Low	58.63	150.66	69.22	12.22	8.14	59.04
High	62.71	154.73	77.37	20.36	12.22	59.04
Mostly	62.71	150.66	73.29	16.29	8.14	59.04
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	58.63	154.73	69.22	16.29	8.14	61.08
High	63.11	158.80	77.37	20.36	12.22	61.08
Mostly	63.11	158.80	77.37	20.36	12.22	61.08
BECERRA						
Low	59.04	154.73	77.37	16.29	12.22	63.11
High	64.34	162.87	81.44	24.43	16.29	63.11
Mostly	63.11	158.80	81.44	20.36	12.22	63.11

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds ranged fair to at times moderate for midweek business. Seller offerings were usually sufficient for present trade needs. Live supplies were noted as moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices remained unchanged at 76 to 85 cents. Trade sentiment was generally steady. In the parts complex, wings were clearing satisfactorily and were in close balance to tight. Breast items were balanced to well cleared and dark meat was mostly sufficient.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

**BRANDED
U.S. GRADE A**

RANGE

67-87

WEIGHTED AVERAGE

(A)

NO. OF BOXES

(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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